

CCS SCS HB 142 -- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

This bill changes the laws regarding political subdivisions. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires the auditor in a charter county to annually inventory any county property with an original value of \$1,000 or more. Currently, the auditor of a first classification county with a charter form of government must annually inventory any county property with an original value of \$250 or more (Section 55.030, RSMo);

(2) Authorizes any city, town, village, sewer district, or water supply district to impose, upon voter approval, a fee of up to \$1 per month or \$12 annually for each line providing water service to residential property having four or fewer dwelling units for the purpose of repair or replacement due to failure of the water lines extending from the water main to the residential dwelling. The fee may be added to the general tax levy bill of the property owner and collected in the same manner and to the same extent as delinquent real estate taxes and tax bills (Section 67.319);

(3) Authorizes any city in which voters have approved fees to recover costs associated with the enforcement of certain housing, property maintenance, or nuisance ordinances to issue a special tax bill against the property to recover the costs which is to be collected in the same manner as the collection of real estate taxes (Section 67.451);

(4) Authorizes the Boone County Collector, upon certification by the community improvement district, to add the district's special assessment to the annual real estate tax bill for the property and to collect the assessment in the same manner as the collection of real estate taxes (Section 67.1521);

(5) Authorizes the board of commissioners of Tower Grove Park to adjust the size of its membership upon the approval of a majority of its members (Section 90.101);

(6) Allows a public administrator to request the transfer of any case to the jurisdiction of another county by filing a petition for transfer and requires the court to transfer the case if the requirements for venue are met and the administrator of the receiving county consents to the transfer. The receiving county court must appoint, without the necessity of a hearing, its public administrator as successor guardian and/or successor conservator and issue the appropriate letters. In the case of a conservatorship, the final settlement of the public administrator's conservatorship must be filed in the original county within 30 days of the transfer and forwarded to the

receiving county upon audit and approval (Section 475.115);
and

(7) Adds the City of St. Joseph to the list of cities authorized to establish an administrative adjudication system for certain municipal code violations. The cities of Kansas City, St. Joseph, and St. Louis are authorized to establish, by order or ordinance, an administrative system for adjudicating housing, property maintenance, and nuisance municipal code violations and to issue a special tax bill to collect fines issued for these code violations (Section 479.011).